



Arizona Department of Public Safety

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Arizona Department of Public Safety Seizes Almost 500 Pounds of Marijuana packed inside Juice Boxes

On Monday January 14th at approximately 7:30pm an Arizona Department of Public Safety Officer stopped a Semi Tractor-Trailer Truck for an equipment violation in the northbound lanes of Interstate 17 at Union Hills. A search of the truck resulted in the discovery of 471 pounds of marijuana packed inside four pallets containing boxes of juice. The Marijuana has an estimated street value of \$250,000.

The driver, Keith Bailey 33 of Phoenix was arrested and booked into the Maricopa County Jail. He was driving from Phoenix to New York State.

“It’s unique they put it in juice boxes. It looks like they put a lot of work into this. This just shows how desperate drug dealers are to get their product across state lines,” said Sgt. Bart Massey of the Arizona Department of Public Safety Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Bureau.

The mission of the Arizona Department of Public Safety, one of the most dynamic state-level law enforcement agencies in the United States, is to protect human life and property by enforcing state laws, deterring criminal activity, assuring the safety of the motoring public on Arizona’s highways and providing vital scientific, technical and operational support to other criminal justice agencies. The Department, also one of Arizona’s largest law enforcement agencies with some 2,200 sworn and civilian employees, consists of four divisions – Highway Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Criminal Justice Support and Agency Support. The Department is headquartered in Phoenix and has offices located in more than 80 communities within Arizona’s 15 counties.

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